

**CHAPTER NO. 513**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2195**

**By Representative McDonald**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2211**

**By Senator Graves**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to trailer identification and theft prevention.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-5-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(f)

(1) After December 31, 2004, any new trailer manufactured in this state and intended for sale to the general public within this state shall be required to have stamped upon such vehicle's metal tongue or metal frame a vehicle identification number. The required vehicle identification number shall not be the same as the vehicle identification number of any other trailer manufactured by the same manufacturer.

(2) After December 31, 2004, no new trailer shall be sold to the general public in this state unless such trailer shall bear a vehicle identification number stamped upon such vehicle's metal tongue or metal frame which shall not be the same as the vehicle identification number of any other trailer made by the same manufacturer.

(3) As used in this subsection, "trailer" means every vehicle with or without motive power, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 29, 2004

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR